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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

1. SESSIONS OF MARCH 5 AND 6 LARGELY OCCUPIED WITH DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO SEND PAPERS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS ON MULTINATIONALS TO SECGEN OAS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS FOR THEIR INFORMATION. ALSO SUGGESTION THAT COMMITTEE CONCENTRATE IN NEXT SESSION ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY MEMBERS DURING CURRENT SESSION. THESE ARE: A) PROPOSAL OF RUIZ ELDREDGE (PERU) FOR A CONVENTION ON MULTINATIONALS, IN TERMS WHICH REPEAT PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY LATIN DELEGATIONS DURING JANUARY SESSIONS OF WORKING GROUP OF MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND PROPOSALS MADE BY RUIZ ELDREDGE AT PANAMA CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (JANUARY 1975); B) PROPOSAL OF AJA ESPIL (ARGENTINA) FOR STANDARDS RE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ALONG LINES OF PROPOSALS ADVANCED IN WORKING GROUP 2 OF MEETING FONMINS; AND C) PROPOSAL OF RUBIN THAT COMMITTEE WORK ON PROCEDURES WITHIN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM FOR REGULAR DISCUSSION, RESEARCH,

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FORMULATION OF NORMS IN SPECIFIC FIELDS (SUCH AS RESTRIC-

TIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES) AND CONSULTATION. COMMITTEE INDICATED SOME RELUCTANCE CONCENTRATE ON ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS BEFORE ALL PAPER DUE FROM MEMBERS ARE IN (TWO STILL DUE). RUBIN SUPPORTED IDEA OF DEBATE BASED ON ALL PAPERS BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISIONS, INCLUDING IDEA TENTATIVELY PUT FORWARD OF DESIGNATING A SINGLE RAPPOREUR OR A SMALL WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH COMING TO SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS. WOULD APPEAR THAT NEXT SESSION WILL GO FORWARD WITH GENERAL DEBATE, THOUGH THERE CLEARLY WILL BE PRESSURE TO COME TO CONCLUSIONS ALONG LINES OF (A) AND (B) ABOVE.

2. COMMITTEE HAS ALSO AGREED TO TAKE UP SUBJECT AS SUGGESTED BY RUBIN OF ROLE OF LAW IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, WITH RUBIN AS RAPPOREUR.

3. REMAINDER COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ORGANIZATION OF SECOND COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW TO BE GIVEN DURING NEXT SESSION, AND DATES OF NEXT SESSION. DATES FIXED FOR JULY 14, WITH UNDERSTANDING SUBSTANTIVE WORK AND COURSE COMMENCE JULY 21.

4. MARCH 7 COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TAKE UP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN COMMITTEE CHARTER AND POSSIBLY BRIEF DISCUSSION JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY. ALSO POSSIBLE DISCUSSION SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE ASPECT OF LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. COLOMBIAN (CAICEDO CASTILLA) RELUCTANT SAY ANYTHING THIS LAST TOPIC IN VIEW DISPUTE BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA RE GULF OF VENEZUELA DEMARCATION LINES.

5. COMMITTEE SCHEDULED CONTINUE THROUGH NEXT WEEK BUT SEVERAL MEMBERS DEPARTING MARCH 7 AND SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS NOT REPEAT NOT SCHEDULED.
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